

**Remarks**

Claims 18-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-17 are as are pending. Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-17 in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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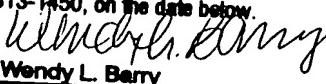
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